

DECLARATION

As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our respective residences and citizenship are as stated below.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Tantalum Concentrates Dissolution and Purification Method," the specification of which is being filed concurrently herewith, identified as attorney docket no. 01-2-116.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this declaration.

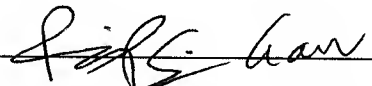
We acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 .

We hereby appoint Robert F. Clark, Reg. No. 33,853 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please send all correspondence to:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

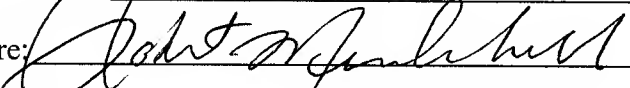
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